

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

BOYD, Allen, Jr. (Democrat)
Representative, 2nd District, Florida
Elected 1996 to the 105th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: Valdosta, Georgia - 6 June 1945

Home: Monticello, Florida

Marital status: Married (Stephanie) - 3 children

Religion: Methodist

Education: North Florida Junior College, AA, 1966; Florida State Univ, BS; 1969

Military: US Army, 1969-71; Vietnam combat veteran (infantry)

Profession: Public official; farmer

Political: Florida House of Representatives, 1989-96. Defeated Bill Sutton (R) with 59% of the vote for the seat of Rep Pete Peterson (D) who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 72% of the vote and in 2002 with 67%.

Rep Boyd describes himself as a conservative Democrat with a social conscience. Serves as the whip for the Blue Dogs. While in the state legislature he earned a reputation as an expert on economic and budget matters. By trade he is a farmer and brings an agribusiness perspective to Congress.

In the 106th Congress, was appointed to Appropriations Cmte and came off National Security and Small Business Cmtes. Remarkd "Technology is the key to our military superiority, and the F-22 is a key to that." Opposed the House GOP leadership's Oct 99 proposed 1% across-the-board cut in discretionary funding, noting that it would cut \$1B out of DoD O&M funds thus exacerbating spare parts and maintenance shortages. In March 1999 took AF witnesses to task at a hearing reviewing AF milcon programs, questioning the AF's commitment to environmental cleanup at its facilities. Expressed concern that Air Force civilian environmental lab personnel at Tyndall were being subjected to reduction-in-force actions. Spoke in support of the Blue Dog budget with its five spending priority areas--the number one priority being defense. Remarkd "we know that we will continue to have to increase defense spending to keep up with modern weapons and readiness, and pay our men and women who are in the service like they should be paid." Believed the country has gone back on its promise to provide lifetime medical benefits for veterans. Supported an amdt making permanent the TRICARE Senior prime demonstration program (medicare subvention) for military retirees. Paid tribute to those 551st Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing aircrews who flew the EC-121 Warning Star from Otis AFB (now Otis Air National Guard Base) in the 1950s and 1960s.

In the 107th Congress, offered an unsuccessful motion to recommit the VA/HUD Appns bill with instructions to report it back with an amdt increasing funding for veterans medical care programs by an amount adequate to fund the full costs of all currently authorized services including those authorized by the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act. Discussed the economic future of the country, noting that our economic model has led to our being the most powerful Nation in the world, not only economically, but also militarily and politically.

Offered an amdt to the FY02 DoD Auth bill relating to a land conveyance of Defense Fuel Support Point, FL, to the University of Florida. Paid tribute in the Congressional Record to LtCmdr Christopher Michale Blaschum, USN, who died March 2, 2002, when his F-14 crashed shortly after takeoff from the USS John F. Kennedy in the Mediterranean Sea.

Additional: District contains General Dynamics' SINGCARS manufacturing facility and a large military retiree population. Cousin flew F-14's off the USS Eisenhower. Member of the Army Caucus, House Navy/Marine Corps Caucus

AF Bases: Tyndall AFB

COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS -- Subcs on Military Construction; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies